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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action dated August 1, 2005 has been carefully considered. Claims 4-8, 11-13, 18-22 and 25-27 are active and pending in this application. Further examination and reconsideration of the rejection of claims 4-8, 11-13, 18-22 and 25-27 are respectively requested.

The rejection of claims 1-3, 9, 10, 14-17, 23, 24 and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103 is respectfully traversed. However, in order to further the prosecution of this application, these claims have been cancelled. Further, as suggested in the Office action, ones of the objected claims 4-8, 11-13, 18-22 and 25-27 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

The rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is respectfully traversed. Further clarification of the rejection of this claim is respectfully requested. It is submitted that this claim particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In view of the amendment and remarks, this application is submitted as being in a condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested. Applicants therefore respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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